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A Newsletter For Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 10 Employees

## ***Billion Dollar Celebration!***

### **State Highway Engineer Marcie Mathews visits District 10 to praise employees for their role in record year for state construction contract lettings**

Employees of the Transportation Cabinet's District 10 office were honored in February for their contributions in allowing the Cabinet to set a record for investments in Kentucky's highway infrastructure.

State Highway Engineer Marcie Mathews visited the Jackson district office to thank the district's employees for their role in achieving a significant milestone. Last year, for the first time ever, Kentucky awarded more than \$1 billion in contracts for highway construction and improvement projects.

"Much of the work that must be done before bids can be awarded is done by employees at the district level," Mathews said. "We would not have been able to make the investments we did last year without their dedication and hard work, and we want to praise them for their efforts."

Mathews and Marc D. Williams, commissioner of the Department of Highways, traveled across the commonwealth during the winter months, visiting the 12 district offices to personally deliver their thanks for a job well done.

"We are certainly pleased that Cabinet officials in Frankfort recognize the hard work that our district employees do," said Linda Wagner-Justice, chief district engineer. "Our team members in District 10 always excel at their jobs and we appreciate that this effort does not go unnoticed."

Several construction contracts awarded last year in District 10 contributed to the Cabinet's record-setting mark. In District 10, nearly \$75 million was invested in new construction projects in 2006. When maintenance projects such as resurfacing and guardrail installation on existing routes are added, the total for all construction projects swells to nearly \$100 million.



State Highway Engineer Marcie Mathews, left, presented CDE Linda Wagner-Justice with a plaque marking District 10's role in last year's record year for highway construction lettings.

# ***Governor pays visits to District 10 counties***

## **Projects announced, ground broken in Lee, Magoffin, Owsley and Perry**

Gov. Ernie Fletcher was a frequent visitor to District 10 this spring, visiting Lee, Owsley and Perry counties to announce highway projects.

In addition, Stan Cave, the governor's chief of staff, paid visits to Magoffin and Estill counties to announce projects.

On March 9, the governor visited Lee and Owsley counties. While in Owsley for a "Get Healthy Kentucky" program, the governor announced a county road project and also gave an update on the status of the proposed KY 30 reconstruction between Owsley and Jackson counties.

Later that afternoon, in Lee County, Gov. Fletcher presented a check for the construction of the KY 52 Beattyville bypass as well as a guardrail installation safety project and other community improvements.



Gov. Fletcher, Secretary Nighbert and other local officials broke ground for the KY 7 relocation in Perry County.



In Owsley County, a check was presented for improvements in the Buffalo-Whoopflarea area.



Stan Cave and local officials cut the ribbon on the renovated Estill County Courthouse.

On March 29, the governor visited Perry County, where he broke ground on the project to relocate KY 7 between Jeff and Viper, and presented a check for the upcoming replacement of the Home Lumber Bridge, two guardrail installation projects, as well as other infrastructure improvements.

Lee County Judge-Executive Steve Mays and Beattyville Mayor Joe Kash greeted the governor.

May 11 saw Cave, accompanied by several Transportation Cabinet officials, pay visits to Magoffin and Estill counties where he announced highway improvement projects. In Magoffin County, Cave presented checks for resurfacing and guardrail installation projects, while in Magoffin, he presented a check for the relocation of a curve on KY 82 and helped cut the ribbon on courthouse renovations funded in large part by a TEA-21 grant.

Each event was well-attended and marked by good weather.





District 10's Mountain Parkway Beautification Project was recently featured in a statewide press release on efforts being made to make Kentucky's roadsides more attractive. From the top photo, scenes are from Exit 16 in Powell County, Exit 57 in Wolfe County and Exit 60 in Morgan County. (Photos courtesy of David Cornett).

## ***District 10 welcomes new safety officer***

Robert Joseph is District 10's new safety officer, having assumed the position before Christmas.

The Mt. Sterling resident comes to District 10 from a varied background in various industrial and public service settings.

He has previously been general manager of Liftec Masts, plant manager of Transcraft Corp., superintendent for Steller Group, and is a certified MSHA/OSHA inspector.

He has also served as an officer for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and owns RAJ Construction Co. with other family members.

We welcome our new safety officer!



## ***For second straight year, area schools get surplus maps***

For the second year in a row, area schools were the recipients of surplus Kentucky official highway maps left over from 2006. This effort is a partnership between KYTC and the Kentucky Department of Education.

This year, the focus was on middle schools. Schools in Breathitt, Lee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell and Wolfe counties received the maps, as well as Hazard Independent schools.



Tim Bobrowski, principal of Sebastian Middle School in Breathitt County, accepted surplus road maps for use by students at SMS.



# Scenes from March of Dimes Cookout



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## More District 10 happenings...



In February, District 10 employees were issued work boots at the Breathitt and Powell County maintenance garages. Over the past few months, KYTC has also provided employees reflective jackets, hats and shirts in the interests of promoting workplace safety and reducing out-of-pocket personal expenses.



Also in February, car safety seat checks were held in Lee and Morgan Counties. Above is Brandon Muravchick with the Department of Transportation Safety. At left is Ron Easter, D-10 Drive Smart coordinator, with Kristen Woods from Transportation Safety.

## ***D-10 employee directory on the way***

Over the next few weeks, District 10's public information officer will be compiling an employee directory. This directory will contain photos of all employees in the district office, as well as maintenance garages and all other facilities in the district, along with contact information for certain staff members.

This project, requested by the Deputy Secretary's Office and the Office of Public Affairs, will result in a comprehensive directory of the district's employees.

"When done, this will allow all employees in all 10 of our counties to get to know each other a little better," said H. B. Elkins, District 10 PIO. "District 6 produced such a guidebook, and it was a hit there, so all 11 other districts have been asked to do something similar."

This project will require the cooperation of **ALL** supervisors and employees in order to make it a success. Supervisors will be contacted in the near future in order to make arrangements for taking photos and gathering information. Everyone's cooperation is requested to successfully complete this assignment.



The new-style solar-powered LED signs that are popping up across Kentucky came to Estill County back on Jan. 24, when this one was installed on KY 82 northbound near the Powell County line. Mike Bush, Glenn Bush and Benny Chambers did the honors. The sign improves safety at a hazardous curve.

### *Calendar of Events*

- June 14 — Flag Day
- June 17 — Father's Day
- June 21 — First day of summer
- July 4 — Independence Day (state offices closed)
- Sept. 3 — Labor Day (state offices closed)
- Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
- Sept. 23 — First day of autumn



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